Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I cannot off-hand pick out this from the list.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—How many sub-sections will there be ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I cannot say. This is the information supplied by the Census Commissioner.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—I want to know what all sub-sections come under the head 'Nayars'.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is a list maintained in the office. I cannot say off-hand which all sub-sections are included in the list without verifying the list.

The Thiruvilwamala—Palghat road.

96. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the Assistant Engineer, Eastern Division, has submitted his report regarding the proposed Thiruvilwamala-Palghat road ;

(2) if so, will a copy of the report be placed on the table of the House ;

(3) whether any action was taken on the report ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

(2) A copy of the report is appended. (*Appendix IV.*)

(3) Yes. Orders have been issued to conduct a survey.

Free quarrying of Stones.

97. Mr. T. K Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed orders on the recommendation of this House for doing away with the practice of obtaining sanction of the Government for quarrying stones for household purposes ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes. Government considered the recommendation and decided that their quarrying rules required no modification at present in as much as quarrying for domestic purposes is now allowed free of fees and permission is required to be obtained only to check any possible abuse or misuse of the concession. Moreover, under the Settlement Proclamation, the rights to metals and minerals, in all lands have been reserved to the State and as such Government must insist on permission being obtained in the matter. This permission is freely and promptly granted on application.

Liquor shops on the British border.

98. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(a) how far from the Cochin boundary are the liquor shops of British Malabar situated near the Nemmara firkah ;

(b) whether such shops stand in the way of the prohibition scheme being made a success as at present contemplated ;

(c) whether the Government have made any arrangements with the British Government regarding the location of such shops ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Please see list appended (*Appendix I.*)

(b) Not till now.

(c) There is already an agreement with the British Government to the effect that no shop will be removed closer to the frontier than its location in previous years. The question whether any further arrangement is necessary will be considered when any difficulty is experienced in the working of the experiment owing to the nearness of these shops.

Extension of pipe water to Kiliyal.

99. Mr. K. G Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the non-caste Hindus living at a place known as Kiliyal near Wallanghy, Nemmara and within the Cochin State are given a supply of water from the pipe system introduced in Nemmara ;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, will the Government undertake to do so as early as possible before the Summer begins ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) No. The pipe system has not been extended to anywhere at Kiliyal.

(b) The supply of water at Nemmara was not quite satisfactory last year owing to the large increase in the number of taps. There are 90 public taps at present. The consumption of water is at a rate in excess of the yield of the borehole. It is proposed to improve the supply and when that is done the pipe system will be extended to Kiliyal.

Extension of the Cochin Tramway.

100. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Diwan Mr. (now Sir) J. W. Bhore suggested the extension and diversion of the Cochin Tramway ;

(b) what was the estimated cost thereof ;

(c) the acreage of forests that could be opened by such extension and diversion ;

(d) the net profits per annum expected by such extension and diversion?

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APPENDIX IV.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 96.*)

Report C. No. 77—1107, dated 30th November 1931, from the Assistant Engineer, Eastern Division.

Subject.—opening road—Thiruvilluamala—Palghat.

The petitioner's request is to open a road from Thiruvilluamala, 4th mile of Lakkiti road, to the State boundary at Malasamangalam and to connect it with the existing British road in Peringottukuruchi Village. At present there is road from Palghat up to Peringottukuruchi *viz* Kuzhalmannam and so if the proposed road from Thiruvilluamala is opened, through connection with Palaghat will be obtained. This will be the shortest route to Palghat from the State, at the same time, opening of the road will have the further advantage of benefiting Malasamangalam and other places lying east of Lakkiti road.

At present there is a cart track maintained by the Panchayat Department from Thiruvilluamala eastwards as marked A—C in the accompanying sketch. The portion AB is along the slope of a steep hill quite unsuitable for road making and so the possibility of adopting the new alignment PB as shown in the sketch is to be investigated into. D is the State boundary and a new road has to be made in the portion CD, a length of about a mile. The total length of the road in Cochin will be about 4 miles and the cost of making the road including metalling will be about Rs. 35,000.

In the British portion new road about a mile long has to be opened and a bridge over a canal about 100 feet wide has to be constructed. This portion is marked DF in the sketch. From F there is the existing road and the distance is about 11 miles to Palghat.

The proposed road when opened will become one of the most useful trunk roads in the State. Survey and investigation may be made now, so that the land plans, schedule) and estimate may be got ready before-hand in order to take up the work when funds are available. For investigation work, to engage necessary temporary staff, an amount of Rs. 400 would be required. If this amount can be set apart from B. I. 280-07, survey and investigation charges, the necessary survey can be done this year.

The enclosures are herewith submitted."

APPENDIX V.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 98.*)

List of British frontier shops situated near the Nemmara Firkah.

Serial No.	Name of shop	Kind of shop	Distance from the frontier
1	Elavancheri	Toddy	2 miles
2	Koodallur	do	100 yards
3	Kavaraputhur	do	1½ furlongs
4	Cheramangalam	do	4 do
5	Koolamoochi	do	do do
6	Chittlencheri	do	2 miles
7	Vandashi	do	2½ do
8	Elavancheri	Arrack	2 furlongs
9	Koodallur	do	3 do
10	Cheramangalam	do	4½ do
11	Koottakulam	do	2 miles
12	Vandashi	do	2½ do

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